

REMARKS

Claims 57-92 are pending in this application.

Applicant has cancelled Claims 21-56, without prejudice, and Applicant has added new Claims 57-92. Applicant has also deleted the Abstract of the Disclosure and has substituted therefor the new Abstract of the Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet.

Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added Claims 57-92 do not contain new matter. Applicant further respectfully submits that the new Abstract of the Disclosure does not contain new matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by pending claims 57-92, is patentable over the prior art.

Regarding independent Claim 57, the prior art does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing subscription information, comprising a receiver for receiving a request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at a retail

facility or store pursuant to a subscription, wherein the request contains information regarding the subscription, a processing device for processing the request, wherein the processing device determines at least one of a status of the subscription and a number of issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, remaining to be fulfilled pursuant to the subscription, and further wherein the processing device generates a message in response to the request, wherein the message contains information regarding an authorization or a denial to provide the printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, and a transmitter for transmitting the message to a transaction device located at the retail facility or store.

Regarding independent Claim 70, the prior art does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing subscription information, comprising an input device for inputting information regarding a request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at a retail facility or store pursuant to a subscription, wherein the subscription is an existing subscription, a processing device for processing the information regarding a request, wherein the information regarding a request includes information regarding the

subscription, and further wherein the processing device generates a request, a transmitter for transmitting the request to a subscription fulfillment computer, a receiver for receiving a response to the request from the subscription fulfillment computer, and at least one of a display device for displaying information contained in the response and an output device for outputting information contained in the response, wherein the processing device processes information contained in the response, wherein the response contains information for authorizing or denying the request to receive or pick-up the printed issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, at the retail facility or store.

Regarding independent Claim 77, the prior art does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing subscription information, comprising a memory device for storing subscription information, wherein the subscription information includes at least one of information regarding a subscription for a number of printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, a magazine, and information for at least one of creating a subscription and initiating a subscription, a processing device for processing a request to at least one of create a subscription and initiate a subscription utilizing the

information stored in the memory device, wherein the request contains information regarding a request to receive a pre-specified number of printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, over a pre-specified time period, wherein the pre-specified time period exceeds a normal time period for receiving all of the pre-specified number of printed issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, and further wherein the processing device at least one of creates a subscription and initiates a subscription, and further wherein the processing device generates a message containing information regarding the subscription, and a transmitter for transmitting the message to at least one of a communication device associated with an individual and a transaction device associated with a retail facility or store.

Regarding independent Claim 86, the prior art does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing subscription information, comprising a memory device for storing subscription information, wherein the subscription information includes at least one of information regarding a subscription for printed issues at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, and information for

at least one of creating a subscription and initiating a subscription, a processing device for processing a request for a subscription utilizing the information stored in the memory device, wherein the request contains information regarding a request to receive a pre-specified number of printed issues of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, over a pre-specified time period, and a retail facility or store from which the printed issues of the at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, can be picked-up or received, and further wherein the processing device at least one of creates a subscription and initiates a subscription, wherein the processing device generates a message containing information regarding the subscription, and a transmitter for transmitting the message to at least one of a communication device associated with an individual and a transaction device associated with a retail facility or store.

Regarding independent Claim 87, the prior art does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing subscription information, comprising a receiver for receiving a request to receive or pick-up a ticket to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, and a

performance, at a retail facility or store pursuant to a subscription, wherein the request contains information regarding the subscription, a processing device for processing the request, wherein the processing device determines at least one of a status of the subscription and a number of tickets to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, and a performance, remaining to be fulfilled pursuant to the subscription, and further wherein the processing device generates a message in response to the request, wherein the message contains information regarding an authorization or a denial to provide the ticket, and a transmitter for transmitting the message to a transaction device located at the retail facility or store.

Regarding independent Claim 90, the prior art does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing subscription information, comprising an input device for inputting information regarding a request to receive or pick-up a ticket to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, and a performance, at a retail facility or store pursuant to a subscription, wherein the subscription is an existing subscription, a processing device for processing the information regarding a request, wherein the information regarding a request includes information

regarding the subscription, and further wherein the processing device generates a request, a transmitter for transmitting the request to a subscription fulfillment computer, a receiver for receiving a response to the request from the subscription fulfillment computer, and at least one of a display device for displaying information contained in the response and an output device for outputting information contained in the response, wherein the processing device processes information contained in the response, wherein the response contains information for authorizing or denying the request to receive or pick-up the ticket to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, and a performance, at the retail facility or store.

Regarding independent Claim 91, the prior art does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing subscription information, comprising a memory device for storing subscription information, wherein the subscription information includes at least one of information regarding a subscription for a ticket to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, and a performance, and information for at least one of creating a subscription and initiating a subscription, a processing device for processing a request to at least one of create a

subscription and initiate a subscription utilizing the information stored in the memory device, wherein the request contains information regarding a request to receive a pre-specified number of tickets to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, and a performance, over a pre-specified time period, wherein the pre-specified time period exceeds a normal time period for receiving all of the pre-specified number of tickets to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, and a performance, and further wherein the processing device at least one of creates a subscription and initiates a subscription, and further wherein the processing device generates a message containing information regarding the subscription, and a transmitter for transmitting the message to at least one of a communication device associated with an individual and a transaction device associated with a retail facility or store.

Regarding independent Claim 92, the prior art does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing subscription information, comprising a memory device for storing subscription information, wherein the subscription information includes at least one of information regarding a subscription for a ticket to at least one of a sporting

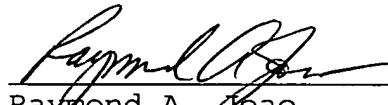
event, an entertainment event, and a performance, and information for at least one of creating a subscription and initiating a subscription, a processing device for processing a request for a subscription utilizing the information stored in the memory device, wherein the request contains information regarding a request to receive a pre-specified number of tickets to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, and a performance, over a pre-specified time period, and a retail facility or store from which the tickets to at least one of a sporting event, an entertainment event, and a performance, can be picked-up or received, and further wherein the processing device at least one of creates a subscription and initiates a subscription, wherein the processing device generates a message containing information regarding the subscription, and a transmitter for transmitting the message to at least one of a communication device associated with an individual and a transaction device associated with a retail facility or store.

In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Allowance of pending Claims 57-92 is respectfully requested.

An information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith.

A Credit Card Payment Form for payment of \$168.00 for payment for four (4) additional independent claims is submitted herewith. A Fee transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) is also submitted herewith.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Encls.: - Abstract of the Disclosure
- A Credit Card Payment Form for payment of \$168.00 for four (4) additional independent claims
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